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1. FOLLOWING ARE MY CURRENT VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RAISED
REFTEL:

A. LIBYA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED IN LIST
OF ANY COUNTRIES WHERE WE PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY ADVISE
AGAINST TRAVEL BY AMCITS. BASIC REASONS ARE: 1) SAFETY
OF AMCITS HERE DEPENDS ON LARG ATTITUDE AND, WITH SOME
JUSTIFICATION, LARG WOULD RESENT SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT.
2) VIRTUALLY NO AMERICANS TRAVEL TO LIBYA EXCEPT FOR
SERIOUS REASONS ANYWAY. ORDINARY TOURISTS AND OTHER CASUAL
VISITORS ARE STILL KEPT OUT BY ARABIC-IN-PASSPORTS
REQUIREMENT.

B. NEGATIVE--FOR SAME REASONS--PLUS FACT THAT
LARG WOULD SOON LEARN WHAT ADVICE WE ARE GIVING
INFORMALLY. EFFECT ON RESIDENT AMCIT MORALE WOULD
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ALSO BE DELETERIOUS.

C. NEGATIVE. ANY EVACUATION NOW WOULD PROBABLY
RESULT IN LESS SAFETY FOR THE REMAINING AMERICANS.

THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IS A HOSTAGE, IN EFFECT,
BUT NOT IN IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY EITHER. THIS HAS BEEN
THE CONSENSUS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND WAS AGREED
WITH ME OCT 8. SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS AND
DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT CHANGE THIS BASIC ASSESSMENT NOR
OUR CONCLUSION THAT, IF AND WHEN PERSONAL DANGERS
DEVELOP, THE SAFEST COURSE WOULD STILL BE TO STAND FAST
UNTIL LARG COOPERATION IN ANY EVACUATIONIS GENUINELY
FORTHCOMING--WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE A WEEK OR TWO AFTER
OUR REQUEST FOR FACILITATION ANYWAY.

2. OUR ESTIMATE OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES REMAINS
AS STATED IN TRIPOLI 1291, BEING REPEATED TO MADRID.
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